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SUBJECT: MAY 11-16 VISIT OF NDU AFRICAN STUDIES GROUP

1. THE NDU AFRICAN STUDIES GROUP WAS RECEIVED IN KENYA IN 1977 WITH THE SAME WARMTH WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED THIS COUNTRY'S RECEPTION FOR THESE VISITS IN RECENT YEARS. AS IN POST, GROUP'S PROGRAM INCLUDED BRIEFINGS, MEETINGS WITH KENYAN OFFICIALS, SOCIAL EVENTS AND FIELD TRIPS.

2. HIGHLIGHTS THIS YEAR WERE A ROUND TABLE WITH KENYAN MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, AND A RECEPTION GIVEN BY KENYAN MINISTER FOR DEFENCE. SESSION AT PARLIAMENT LASTED THREE HOURS AND PROVIDED AMPLE OPPORTUNITY FOR GROUP MEMBERS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON FRANK, INFORMAL BASIS WITH 13 KENYAN PARLIAMENTARIANS. SUBJECTS DISCUSSED INCLUDED INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE CONCEPT, HORN OF AFRICA, AND SOUTHERN AFRICA. PARTICIPATION BY SO MANY MP'S, DESPITE FACT THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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PARLIAMENT WAS IN RECESS, DEMONSTRATED KENYAN INTEREST IN NDU VISIT. RECEPTION GIVEN BY DEFMIN WAS ATTENDED BY ENTIRE KENYAN DEFENCE ESTABLISHMENT WITH EXCEPTION OF NAVY COMMANDER, WHO IS HEADQUARTERED IN MOMBASA. MOD PERMSEC KIEREINI (WHO ACTUALLY RUNS THE MINISTRY DUE TO CHRONIC INCAPACITATION OF MINISTER) IN WELCOMING TOAST TO GROUP REITERATED IMPORTANCE KENYA ATTACHES

TO ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S. AS ADDED BENEFIT THIS RECEPTION GAVE EMBOFFS EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY TO CONVERSE WITH THREE GENERAL OFFICER LEVEL OFFICERS OF KENYAN ARMY, WHO SELDOM ATTEND DIPLOMATIC FUNCTIONS. LINDSTROM

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